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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: USIB Committee on Intelligence
Resources and Asset Allocation -- 1

1. The Chairman opened the meeting with an explanation of the purpose for which the Committee had been convened -- a review of resources and asset allocation over the next five years in Indochina during the era of reducing U.S. presence. The ensuing discussion covered such subjects as Vietnamization, the problem of National versus Tactical/Military requirements, and the level of enemy activity, all of which contribute directly or indirectly to the problem at hand. All agreed that enemy capabilities and intentions coupled with our Allies' capabilities were of considerable importance in attempting to determine what the intelligence requirements of the future will be. The question was raised as to whether we will really need as much intelligence in the future as U.S. forces are withdrawn from the field.

2. The State Department representative stated that the Committee should develop a framework of intelligence requirements which then could be reviewed by the Intelligence Community and the field. While the feeling was expressed that the status quo would have to be maintained regarding intelligence collection to support U.S. forces, it was necessary that specific requirements be developed in place of the shot gun approach of the past. The consensus of the group was that it must be decided what it is we want -- what will the Intelligence Community be asked to collect in the future and at what level and what will be the timeliness required.

3. The Chairman asked that each principal draft his own interpretation of what will be needed in the future and that the submissions be received by 1200 on Wednesday. These submissions will be circulated among the group for review and comment. It is envisaged that the inputs will provide the material to develop a consolidated prospectus of what is needed and will be expected of the Intelligence Community. Mr. Tweedy asked that the principals keep in mind the various priorities involved regarding intelligence requirements, i.e., those required by U.S. officials, both in Washington and in the field, to meet their day-to-day responsibilities, those necessary to

assist our Allies and protect our forces during withdrawal,
and those which will allow our Allies to protect themselves
now and in the future.

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